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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 12 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

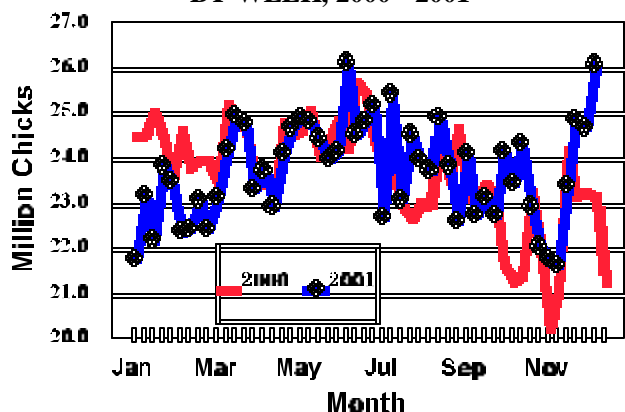
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 26.1 million during the week ending December 22, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up 12 percent from the comparable week in 2000, and 62 percent above the previous week, and included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through December 22, 2001 were 1.21 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 25.7 million, up 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and 2 percent above the previous week. Of the total hatch, 1.8 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.5 percent.

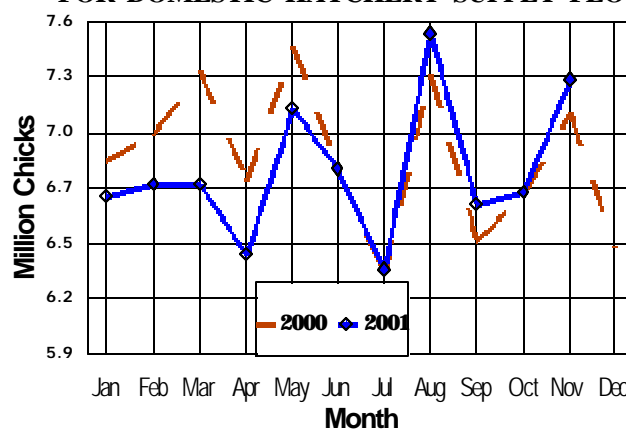
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 22, 2001, up 5 percent from the same period last year and slightly above the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 7.3 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2001, up 2 percent from November 2000.

ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2000 - 2001



U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2000	2001	
	1,000		
Nov. 17	20,293	21,833	108
Nov. 24	21,146	21,689	103
Dec. 1	24,253	23,459	97
Dec. 8	23,217	24,937	107
Dec. 15	23,334	24,756	106
Dec. 22	23,229	26,129	112

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2000	2001	
	1,000		
Jun.	6,829	6,822	100
Ju1.	6,310	6,326	100
Aug.	7,288	7,494	103
Sep.	6,469	6,647	103
Oct.	6,694	6,704	100
Nov.	7,105	7,261	102

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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/		Week Ending				1/	
STATE	01-Dec	08-Dec	15-Dec	22-Dec	%	17-Nov	24-Nov	01-Dec	08-Dec	15-Dec	22-Dec	%
Alabama	29,262 *	29,301	29,315	29,504	106	18,995	20,473	21,412	21,853	22,331	21,968	102
ARKANSAS	31,179	30,081	30,701	30,830	105	21,833	21,689	23,459	24,937	24,756	26,129	112
Delaware	3,617	3,560	3,398 *	3,665	89	5,570	4,764	5,324	4,508	4,926 *	5,038	109
Florida	2,306	2,310	2,282	2,384	97	2,218	2,516	2,143	2,523	1,927	2,482	117
Georgia	32,615 *	30,928	31,488	31,682	104	23,937	23,241	25,081	25,558	24,079 *	26,249	106
Maryland	10,002	7,409	8,867	8,816	105	4,262	5,321	5,599	5,627	5,386 *	6,337	111
Mississippi	18,784 *	18,658	19,024	18,997	104	13,886	15,292	14,461	15,427	15,193	15,654	104
N. Carolina	19,231 *	17,848	18,758	19,249	106	13,661	14,375	14,853	14,597	15,113	15,124	105
Pennsylvania	3,876	3,789	3,942 *	3,858	104	2,563	2,438	2,763	2,746	2,872 *	2,734	100
S. Carolina	4,710	4,690	4,482	4,922	104	3,266	3,755	4,229	3,756	3,816	3,751	95
Texas	14,833	14,934	14,924	15,029	104	9,523	11,157	11,452	11,242	11,569	11,796	104
Virginia	6,559	6,537	6,635	6,493	104	4,838	4,741	4,931	5,076	5,004	5,493	107
CA TN & W VA	11,081	10,426	10,672 *	10,822	96	9,086	9,533	9,770	9,513	9,655 *	9,104	96
Total 2001	188,055 *	180,471	184,488 *	186,251		133,638	139,295	145,477	147,363	146,627 *	151,859	
Total 2000	180,423	176,288	179,814	179,487		128,656	134,733	144,183	143,211	144,833	144,082	
% PREV. YEAR	104	102	103	104		104	103	101	103	101	105	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2002.....						05-Jan	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan	02-Feb	09-Feb	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

*Kentucky	5,283	5,009	4,880	4,880	--	3,704	3,935	4,046	4,056	4,094	4,136	--
*Oklahoma	6,375	6,357	6,195	6,351	--	4,074	4,293	5,677	5,225	4,487	4,495	--
*LA & MO	9,821	8,814	9,288	9,127	--	8,570	9,224	8,758	8,148	8,979	8,540	--
19 State Total	209,534 *	200,651	204,851 *	206,609		149,986	156,747	163,958	164,792	164,187 *	169,030	

* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 186 million eggs during the week ending December 22, 2001. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatch ability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 152 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 22, 2001. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through December 22, 2001 were 7.45 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

NOTE: Beginning January 2, 2002, the Broiler Hatchery report will ONLY be available under "Publications" on the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service Home-Page at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar/>. Please call 1-800-327-2970 if you do not have access to internet service and would like to continue receiving copies of the report by mail.